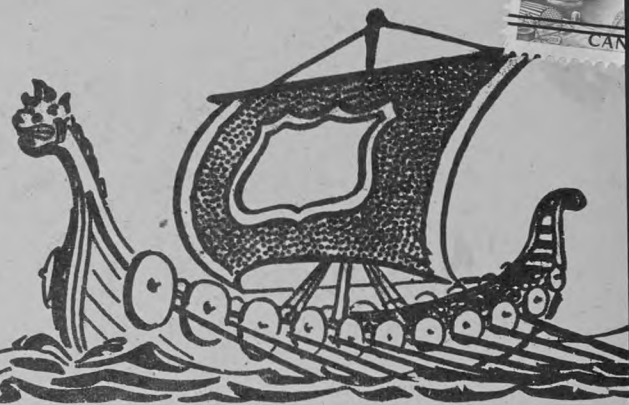




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FLY TO SWEDEN THIS SUMMER

TOURIST SERVICES EVERYWHERE

Taxi-guides in Stockholm

Miss Inger Tunholm is tall and blond, 25 years old, and one of the taxi-guides in Stockholm. — "I have been driving taxi for two years and I think it is quite interesting to drive tourists around Stockholm and tell them about our city."

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Signs with "Valkommen — Can I help you?" will hang outside 5,000 grocery stores and supermarkets. Most of the personnel in these stores speak English and know what

food the Canadians prefer. The tourist can also come in and ask the clerks about the nearby sights. Thus, Sweden has got 5,000 extra tourist offices.

The world news round-up in Swedish Radio

The Swedish Broadcasting Corporation sends "The world news round-up" and weather forecast in English at 8:15 on the radio station No. 3, weekdays during the summer months.

Dial Miss Tourist in Stockholm and get information in English

Miss Tourist gives tourist information on Today's events in Stock-

holm and surroundings. Dial (area code 08) 221840.

News in English in Sweden's biggest morning paper

The morning newspaper Dagens Nyheter, gives news in English from all over the world during the summer months. On the last page is the column titled "Today's News". Tourist pilots in many Swedish towns and cities

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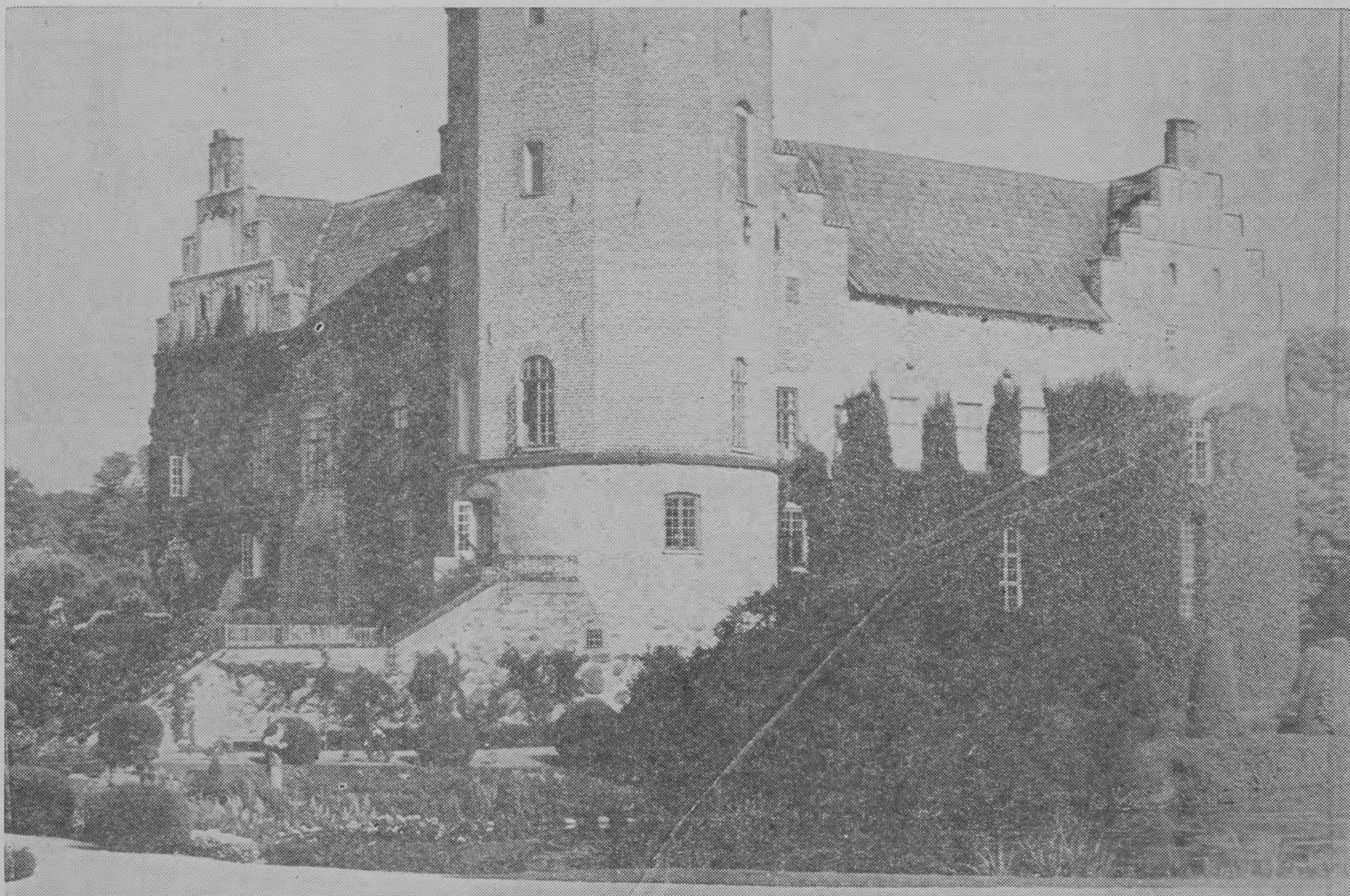
SCANDINAVIAN DAY — JUNE 29TH

Plan to attend Scandinavian Day, June 29 at Vasa Park. Watch for further details in the June issue of the Scandinavian Centre News.

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MEN, YOUR ATTENTION, PLEASE —

The Scandinavian Centre requires an assistant manager for part-time duties. If you are interested in meeting the public and performing the duties as outlined by the Manager and his committee, then apply in writing to: Scandinavian Centre, 14220 - 125 Ave., Edmonton 42, Alta. See the ad on the back page.



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We were unsuccessful in our bid for second class postal privileges. The paper is now on the third class postal rate and costs five cents per copy to mail. Each month several copies of the paper are returned because the recipient has moved without giving notification of his new address. The cost for each returned paper is ten cents. Please inform the editor if you are moving.

PICNIC AT VASA PARK
We had an invitation from the city of Red Deer to have our annual picnic in their park on June 29th, however, after considerable discussion it was agreed that Vasa Park would be the best location for our picnic. A large ad in the June issue will have a map in it showing you how to get to Vasa Park on Pigeon Lake.

BOARD MEMBERS' ADDRESSES
The following is a list of all the board members with their address and phone number. Each one of them will have tickets for the Shareholder's Anniversary Ball on June 20th. Take note of the director nearest you and pick up your tickets early.

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COFFEE PARTY
On April 13th, the Cultural Committee's coffee party was hosted by the Icelandic Society at the Centre. It was a particularly enjoyable affair with displays, films, recorded music and highlighted by songs from the Saga Singers. Cultural Director, Harvey Haugen, extends thanks for an entertaining afternoon. Coffee parties have been held each month since last fall and have been well received. There will be no coffee party in May and the last one, until next September, will be in June and will be hosted by the Norwegians.

CFCW - 790 ON YOUR DIAL
The report from the Scandinavian Centre is heard at 11:25 A.M. on the CFCW Scandinavian show every Saturday morning. The Scandinavian Centre report will be given by the following directors for the next two months:

Bill Halldorson	May 3
Gunnar Thorvaldson	May 10
Matti Leiteniemi	May 17
Peter Johnson	May 24
Claus Jacobsen	May 31
Esko Salo	June 7
May Rushton	June 14
Paul Karvonen	June 21
Gunnar Thorvaldson	June 28

DIRECTORS FETED BY SORENSON'S
Mr. and Mrs. Sig Sorenson entertained the present and past directors on March 20th at the Scandinavian Centre. A delicious smorgasbord dinner was followed by some entertaining speeches and songs! Sig played a tape recording, made when the Centre was being built, of an interview of the directors giving their plans for its future. This was followed by a film that was particularly entertaining as it showed the various prize-winning floats in the past years in the exhibition parade, Scandinavian picnics and construction of the Centre. Three display tables held snapshots, colored pictures of the Centre and Scandapades and all the copies of the Scandinavian News, beautifully bound, since its inception in 1958. The Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Charter was also on display. Copies of The Scandinavian Centre Story,

written by Sig, were available to anyone who wished a copy. (This article will appear in the June issue of the paper in honour of the Centre's fifth anniversary). Dancing, coffee and dainties concluded the evening. It was very nice that Mrs. Margaret Eliasson of Vernon, B.C. was able to be present as she was the first secretary to record the minutes when the Scandinavian Centre Co-operative Association Ltd., was formed. A sincere 'thank you', Sig and Selma for a most delightful evening full of pleasant memories.

CORRESPONDENTS

We thank two of our retiring correspondents, Mrs. Lillian Sumarlidason of Edmonton and Mrs. Tillie Erickson of Calmar, for their good and faithful reporting. Their places are being taken by Mrs. Margaret Cameron for the Icelandic Society and Mrs. Gerda Erickson of Calmar for Vasa Lodge, Buford. We hope Mrs. Sumarlidason and Mrs. Erickson will keep their pencils sharpened and send our readers interesting articles from time to time. Mr. Dan Edin is now reporting from Vasa Lodge Nordstjernan at Falun, Alta., and we welcome him.

— BUFORD NEWS —

To finish an enjoyable winter of curling the Buford Vasa Lodge curling club held a bonspiel for curlers from the Edmonton and Falun Lodges. The first prize winner was the Alf Hayem rink from Buford. Others on the rink were Raymond Erickson, Bertel Pearson and Arnold Eklund. Edmonton's Milton Fawcett rink won second prize with third prize going to Buford with Fred Hamilton skipping; Albin Markstedt, third; Peggy Modin, second and Angela Pearson lead. Consolation prize went to the Henry Sjogren rink of Falun. A cold plate dinner was served by the hosting club.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Carson and family arrived by plane from Fort Nelson to visit Mrs. Carson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Anthon Falk.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pearson were Mrs. Anne Vaasjo of Cold Lake, and her son Henry Vaasjo of Edmonton.

Several of the Vasa Club curlers entered the Farmer's Mixed Bonspiel in Calmar. Among those winning prizes were Ray Pearson's rink who won second prize in the first event. Percy Sandstrom's rink took second prize in the second event, with Charlie Erickson's rink winning third prize in the same event.

Karen Pearson and her friend Joan Pearson of Lamont spent the week end with Karen's parents Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Pearson.

Mrs. Harry Hanson, her mother, Mrs. Algot Pearson and her grandmother, Mrs. Augusta Pearson motored to Lloydminster to visit with Mrs. Verna Smith and family.

Ray and Ellen Pearson visited with Emil Lundblad at Stony Plain.

Mr. Lundblad is a resident in the nursing home there.

Mrs. Vernon Pearson's mother Mrs. John Bergo, returned to her home at Ardmore, Alberta. She had spent the past five month with her daughter and family.

Visiting with Mr. and Mrs. Anthon Falk over the Easter weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Pete Nilsen and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. Adam, all of Edmonton.

Percy Sandstrom curled in the Veteran's Bonspiel in Edmonton, winning third prize in the second event.

Holly and Allison Sund of Leduc spent Easter holidays at the home of their aunt and uncle Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Erickson.

The Curling Club held a wind up party for curlers and Lodge members at the Willow Creek Community Centre on April 11 at which time the Lodge Trophy was presented. This years winners were Fred Hamilton, skip; Victor Wold, third; Dale Bostrom, second and Lillian Kromm, lead. To round out the evening Raymond and Elsie Erickson, Ray Pearson and Eric Kvarnberg supplied the music for dancing.

Allan Bostrom visited with his mother, Mrs. Lillian Kromm, enroute to Vancouver after attending a manager's convention in Toronto.

Tommy Erickson of Warner, Alberta is spending a week's holiday with his grandparents, Gerda and Frank Erickson.

Mrs. Robert Ladoucer attended the District Convention of the O.O.R.P. which was held at St. Albert recently.

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Dr. Weinlos Elected President of U.C.F.

Dr. Morris Weinlos, surgeon, alderman and active worker in Edmonton's community life, was elected President of the United Community Fund of Greater Edmonton.

As medical practitioner in Edmonton for over 40 years, he is known to Edmontonians in all walks of life. He is also known as popular alderman.

His medical affiliations are numerous. He is Assistant Professor of Pathology at the University of Alberta and a member of the Academy of Medicine.

He was a member of the Canadian Army serving in the Medical Corps during World War II from

1939 to 1945. He continued in the militia subsequent to his discharge from the active force.

Also engaged in the cultural life of the city, Dr. Weinlos serves on the boards of the Edmonton Symphony Society and the Edmonton Opera Association. He is a director of the Edmonton Exhibition Board, Chairman of the Greater Edmonton Foundation and a member of the Edmonton Police Commission.

Dr. Weinlos has served for many years as President of Beth Israel Synagogue and was President of the Edmonton Zionist Council.

His record of service with the

United Community Fund goes back to its early beginning in Edmonton. He has served as a board member, as Chairman of the Admissions and Evaluations Committee and was First Vice-President up to his election to the Presidency.

Dr. and Mrs. Weinlos have three daughters, reside at 13802 Ravine Drive, and are members of the Beth Israel congregation.

King Arthur: "I hear you've been misbehaving."
Sir Callahad: "In what manor, sir?"

VASA LODGE SKANDIA



The regular monthly meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia was held Saturday, April 5, in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. Chairman Peter Johnson declared one minute of silence in memorium of Past Grand Master Nels Johnson.

Members reported sick were Verner Lindquist, Clifford Lindberg, Don Johnson, Oscar Hanson, and John Anderson. Still under doctor's care are Minnie Nelson, and Emil Johnson.

Plans are well under way for the District Convention which will be held June 21 and 22, here in Edmonton. The delegates chosen to represent the Lodge are Eric Engvall, Eric Pierre, Linnea Lodge, Betty Pearson, Lennart Petersson, and Magnus Pearson. Doreen Nyroos is the alternate representative.

Five new members were received into the Lodge. They were John and Jean Gibson, Kenneth and Helen Roosdahl, and Laurence (Bob) Pearson.

Carol McRae and Carol Brandel expressed thanks on behalf of the Children's Club for the replacement of the Birthday Money. They are also looking for guidance in setting up a continuing program for the Children's Club. If you have any ideas, either of the Carols would like to hear them.

Flowers, sweet music, and a tastefully decorated room was the setting for the dance held on Friday, March 21. All the ingredients were there for a marvelous evening of dancing; all but one, people. Roses to Ken and Carol Banks, and to Marvin and Linda Weiss, who spent a lot of time and effort in planning and preparing this evening, and thorns to those of you who didn't support them by attending!

A very nice lunch was donated and served by Joan Akerman, Aune Sorensen, Vera Staples, and Marge Elkstrand. After lunch, a very successful wine party and dance was hosted by Andy and Ivy Ogren.

Music for dancing was provided by The Travellers.

The next meeting will be held Saturday, May 3, at 7:00 p.m. in the Nordic Room of the Scandinavian Centre. Bingo will be played after the meeting, so come and support your hostesses for the evening, Rita Pearson, Linda Samuelson, and Valerie Larson. You may even win something!

DATES TO REMEMBER

MAY 16 — Sportsmen Award-Night Banquet, awards for the curlers and bowlers, topped off with a dance. Tickets are \$3.00 per person and are available from Ken Banks 424-1949, or Leonard Eliasson 455-9457.

MAY 20 — The Women's Auxiliary will hold their last meeting of the season on Tuesday, May 20, at 1:30 p.m. in the home of Mary Pearson, Suite 12, Leamington Apartments.

JUNE 7 — Regular monthly meeting of Vasa Lodge Skandia, held at the Club House at Vasa Park at 7:30 p.m. A Birthday Table will be featured for the people who have had their birthdays in March, April, and May. Following the meeting, the Sport's Club will host a dance, one dollar admission, music by The Travellers.

JUNE 8 — Wild Game Dinner from noon 'til 1:30 p.m., hosted by Elsie Comin and Arne Rautio. Following dinner, a picnic with races, horseshoes, tug-o-war, and ball game, organized by Albert and Ruth Dunlop. Sounds like a good weekend to plan on being at the lake.

VASA GLIMPSES

Don and Evelyn Johnson are back after spending six weeks touring in Texas, New Mexico, Mexico, Arizona, California, Oregon, and British Columbia. While in New Mexico they visited their daughter

Gerri and family. Don and Evelyn were joined on their travels by the Swedish Consul of Manitoba, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Carlson.

Willard and Evelyn Modin tried out their new camper recently with a visit to Radium Hot Springs.

Brian Johnson will be spending the next year or two in Europe.

Condolences are extended to Ethyl Markstrom on the loss of her sister.

Congratulations and many years of happiness are wished to Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wold. Phyllis Jean Eyre wed Ray in a ceremony at McDougall United Church on April 5.

Harold and Minnie Markstrom with Neil and Noreen spent the Easter Holidays at the Coast.

Our deepest sympathy is extended to Sixten Johnston and family on the death of his wife Patricia, on April 12. Funeral services were held on Wednesday, April 16 at St. Barnabas Anglican Church with the Reverend A. G. Hooper officiating. Interment was at Evergreen Memorial Gardens.

Evelyn Modin has agreed to write up the paper for the month of May, so if you have anything you want put in the paper get it to Evelyn before May 15. Evelyn's address is 12143 - 101 St. her phone number is 479-0795.

Per Houghlund is off on a two month trip. He will visit Denver; a niece in Longmont, Colorado; his brother Eric in Tulsa, Oklahoma; old farming neighbours, Mr. and Mrs. Joe Main in Uniontown, Kansas; his sister-in-law in St. Paul; and a brother Ole in Morris, Minnesota and then return home by way of Winnipeg.

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Europe's most modern deep-freezing and food processing plant operates here. So do a huge can manufacturing company, furniture making industries and other big, private enterprises. Tourism is yet another industry in which Skane is taking bold steps forward.

The city of Malmoe, largest city in Sweden, and its fabulous Chateau country with more than 150 castles and manor houses, are only 35 minutes away across the sound from Copenhagen by hydrofoil boats or about one hour by luxurious car ferries which offer every amenity of an ultramodern passenger line.

Local sightseeing tours take you to see the tallest residential building in Europe, a 24-storey apartment structure. They bring you to the open air city which pioneered unorthodox town planning almost 20 years ago, to the city theatre where the main auditorium seats 1,700, to a department store that features one-family homes on its roof top, to the many parks, museums and other worthwhile aspects of this bold city.

Other sightseeing tours are operated out of Malmoe on a great many different schedules. You can take the one-day tour to the late Dag Hammarskjold's home at Backakra or decide on a three-day tour through the Chateau country. Here you will be met by medieval castles with their formal gardens. One of them, Backaskog, boasts 10,000s of rose plants.

This tour brings you also into the glassworks district of a neighboring province. It features a one-night stay in the city of Kalmar, point of departure for almost all of Sweden's emigrants to America in the nineteenth century, and another overnight stay at Bastad, home of international tennis tournaments and located near the tropical plant gardens of Norrviken.

Right below is the Bay of Laholm, up above is the most scenically situated golf course in the world

and you are engulfed in mile upon mile of beaches.

The famous Chateau country features a castle, founded as a nunnery in 1088, fully 300 years before Columbus discovered America. Its name is Bosjoekloster. The gardens are open to visitors who may also enjoy ever-changing exhibits of Swedish arts and crafts, a museum display of Viking-day objects which prove the ancient age of Skane, or a pleasant meal in the modern garden cafeteria.



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SOLGLYT SPOTLIGHT



MAY 4 — Visit from Supreme President Mr. and Mrs. Hilmen Kjolrie, Initiation of new members, Pot Luck Supper.

MAY 17 — Norway Independence Day, Dinner and Dance.

MAY 31 — Norge Night, Lodge Meeting.

The General Lodge meeting was held on May 12 in the Nordic Room. Balloting was held for the queen contest. Contestants were Brenda Bruce, and Donna Bukvi with Donna the winner. Crowning will take place May 17. Johanna and Joe Reno was presented with a silver tray on the occasion of their 25th wedding anniversary which was on April 8. The winners in the new members sign-up draw were Betty McKevitt, Hilma Bukvi and Leif Aasgard. Entertainment following the meeting was the Irish Dancers and the Dancers of the Midnight Sun. Hostesses for lunch were Reidun and Thorlief Berg, and Eva and Allan Berg.

Mr. Carl Elgstrand has retired from the Dept. of Civil Defence after many years of service.

The Ladies' Sewing Group was held at the home of Mrs. Astrid Hope, April 10, with 'many costumes started.

Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Halberg of Ryley, Alta., have had the pleasure of visits from four of their daughters over the past three months they were Mrs. Norma Main, Mrs. Ruth Johnson, Mrs. Arlene Toombs all of Powell River, B.C., and Mrs. Esther Smith and family of Penhold.

Mr. Rolf Vollen has returned from a holiday in California.

Miss Lorna Ferrell has gone to holiday in Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Modalen and Kari spent Easter week at their cabin at Island Lake.

Peter Hansen was in Red Deer to attend a convention over the week-end.

Bernard and Kay Olafson and family and Betty McKevitt spent a week-end in Lloydminster recently.

Gladys Clark's mother, Mrs. Mathilda Quale, has returned to Regina from spending the winter in Edmonton.

Rowland and Valerie Johnson and daughters from High Prairie visited parents and friends in Edmonton for a few days recently.

Our Edmonton - Calgary annual bowling night was held March 22 with the Edmonton bowlers host to six teams from Valhalla Lodge Calgary. Edmonton won the Sons of Norway trophy by 971 pins and

top honors were shared by Betty Kolbyonsrude, Calgary and Louise Logan, Isabelle Mjaatveit, Peter Hansen, Dennis Cook all of Edmonton. A dance and social evening followed in the Scandinavian Centre Nordic Room.

The adult Folk Dancing Group meet every Monday nite at the Centre and have a great time.

Mrs. Crystal MacDonald Fleuty, with over 30 Crystal Singers, held a musical program April 13th at Kingsway Legion Hall. The program featured solos, duets and choir numbers as well as songs by Jimmy MacDonald and the little Fleuty twins who sang a new number 'When I Grow Up'.

Mrs. Ann Thomas of Eckville, Alta., visited at the John Iverson home recently.

Lodge members who have moved to new homes recently are:

Mrs. Julianna Herstad to Apt. 201 - 10223 - 116 St., Ph. 488-9221.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Johnsrubbe to 13215 - 105 St., Ph. 479-2686.

Mrs. Ida Paulson to Suite 15 - 10614 Kingsway Avenue, Ph. 422-6586.

Mr. and Mrs. Kalmar Amdam to 16206 - 92 Ave., Ph. 489-2404.

A twenty-fifth wedding anniversary party was held for Johanna and Joe Reno at the home of Mary and Clarence Rikstad with many friends and relatives from far and near.

Mrs. Elua Spencer is in Calgary.

During the Easter week-end Walter and Marvin Meyer and their families motored to Fort St. John, B.C. to attend their brother Arvid's wedding. Arvid was married on April 5 to Karen Wetmore of Fort St. John. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Matt Myhre formerly of Edmonton. Little Ann Meyer was flower girl at her uncle's wedding.

Lodge members who has been ill or in hospital recently are:

Elling Ulfsten was in hospital and is now home. We wish him a speedy recovery.

Ruth Hammerstad is in the Glenrose Hospital and would welcome visitors.

Art Johnson is in the University hospital, we wish him a speedy recovery.

Mrs. Mina MacDonald recently had a long-play record made to send to friends and relatives in Norway. The record featured songs by the MacDonald Quartet, Crystal MacDonald Fleuty, Jimmy MacDonald and Crystal Mina Fleuty, with accompaniment by Olaf Sveen. Mrs. MacDonald did the narration in both English and Norwegian.

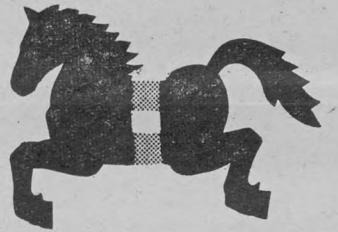
This month's news correspondent was Marion Iverson.

SUNRAY JUNIOR LODGE

Sunray Junior Lodge members wish to thank all those who so generously donated to their rummage sale. A special 'thank you' goes to those who worked so hard to make it a success. We have stored the excess rummage and expect to have another sale later. We've come up with this idea if you'd like to help — keep a box handy at home for anything you do not want or need then when the box is full just notify one of our junior members and they will take it off your hands so you can start on your next box.

The regular meeting of Sunray Junior Lodge was held on April 9 when six new members were initiated — Leslie and Heather Amundson, Elisabeth and Trond Berg, Karin Nasset, Joanne Choby. Raymond Boe was elected Sports Director. They decided to start playing ball on Saturday afternoons and they are challenging the Senior Lodge Members to a game. Lunch was provided by MacNaughtons and Steads.

The Junior Dancers will be on "Kiddies on Camera" on May 10th.



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Mother's Day

If only I could speak to her and touch her hand tonight
And smooth her hair and smile the way she always smiled at me
If I could see her sit tonight, just where she always sat
Work in her nimble fingers and a book across her knee.
If I could take the train again, back to that prairie town
Bridging the stretch of miles, between her home and mine
once more
If I could round the bend and see the fires of welcome lit
The gladness in the eyes of her, there at the open door.
Though inside things have changed so much, outside they're just the same
The buildings stand just as they stood those years when she was there
The winter comes and goes, the spring lays flowered-starred carpets down
And summer walks the lowlands with a wild rose in her hair.
Time and time only heals the hurt, life lays upon us all
And so I wall the heartache up and with slow hands instead
Remove a white rose from its bowl the while my eyes are wet
Remembering how good life was those years my rose was red.

ICELANDIC NEWSLETTER

COMING EVENTS

MAY 11th — Crowning of Fjallkona and Coffee Party.

The regular monthly meeting of the executive was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leif Oddson, president Gunnar Thorvaldson occupied the chair. Discussions centred mainly on a most important event which will take place on May 11th at 2:00 p.m., in the Viking Room of the Scandinavian Centre — the annual 'Crowning of the Fjallkona' and coffee party. Plans were also entered into for a picnic to be held in Victoria Park in June. More details in next month's news column.

Birthday Greetings to Honourary Life Members —

Mrs. Gudron Vigfusson, May 12
Mrs. Johanna Janssen, May 18.
Our best wishes for good health and happiness.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. J. Farrell on the birth of their son, Jeffery Michael, born March 25th.

The Icelandic Canadian Club of B.C., advise that the National Theatre of Iceland is planning to tour Canada and the United States during the last two or three weeks of June. They will present the play "Islandsklukkan" ("The watch of Iceland") in various centers, including Vancouver. The play deals with the relations between the Icelanders and the Danes during the unhappy years that the Danes ruled in Iceland. The play was written by Halldor Kiljan Laxness, the famed Icelandic writer who was awarded the Nobel Prize for Literature.

Tentative plans call for a performance in Vancouver on June 20th or 21st. Further details will be given as they become available.

Easter vacationers were:

Miss Lois Gislason of Athabasca spent a week visiting her cousin, Donna Cameron of Edmonton.

Miss Cathy Oddson motored to Fort McMurray to visit her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Chase, while her sister Lori, travelled via train, bus, plane and boat to Vancouver and Victoria where she visited relatives. Incidentally, Victoria is Lori's birth place.

Mrs. Pauline Eyolfson of Lundar, Manitoba was a guest at the home of her son and daughter-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. David Eyolfson and family of Edmonton.

Mrs. Walter Arason, accompanied by her daughter Beverley, travelled by train to International Falls, Minnesota to spend the Easter holidays with Walter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sig Arason.

Miss Margaret Campbell of Edmonton had as her guest for the Easter holidays, Miss Marilyn Snider of Minook, Alberta.

During Easter holidays Mr. and Mrs. Earl Valgardson entertained Earl's brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Valgardson and their children — Susan, Tim and Tracy of Gimli, Manitoba, also Pearl's niece, Miss Pearl Ann Giggie of Vancouver.

Mrs. Bertha Key of Combs, B.C. spent a brief visit with her daughter, Mrs. Francis Impon of Faust, Alberta who then accompanied her mother on her return trip, via airplane, to Vancouver. They attended

Bertha's granddaughter's, Miss Linda Keys, wedding.

A family re-union was enjoyed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Gislason of Athabasca when their sons, Frank of Edmonton; George, his wife and two children of Red Deer, and their daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Arnold Leknas and 4 month old, David of Eston, Saskatchewan arrived to spend the Easter week-end with their parents and sister, Correen.

Dr. and Mrs. Jon Jonason had as their guest Dr. Jonason's sister, Mrs. Margaret Emmett, who is a school teacher at Oyen, Alberta.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Johannson were the guests of Henry and Lil Sumaridason while in Edmonton. Mrs. Johannson was seeking medical consultation. We are pleased to know she has recovered so well from her serious illness of a year ago; keep up the good work, Lil.

Mr. and Mrs. Restrict entertained at a family dinner in honour of Mrs. Restrict's father, Mr. Sigurjon Isfeld, who was 94 years young on April 25th. Mr. Isfeld is an Honourary Life Member of the Edmonton Icelandic Society. He makes his home with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Restrict of 14611 - 87 Ave.

LOGBERG - HEIMSKRINGLA SUPPORT FUND

This is addressed to all people of Icelandic origin. The Icelandic newspaper 'Logberg - Heimskringla' has experienced recurring deficits because of increased printing costs, postal rates and general expenses. This publication disseminates news and editorial material to people all over this continent who are interested in maintaining our language, culture and ethnic traditions. In order to continue, the paper will have to have additional support. Icelandic people usually respond most generously to worthy causes. I trust that you are interested in the objectives of the paper and will consider this a worthy cause. If so, please mail your donations to:

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G. C. Thorvaldson, President
Icelandic Society of Edmonton.

Mr. Fusi Arnfinson has returned home from a lengthy stay in the Col. Mewburn Hospital. We wish you a speedy and complete recovery Fusi.

We extend our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Steini Jonsson on the death of her father, Mr. William Watson of Eriksdale, Manitoba.

The Cultural Committee of the Icelandic Society, Mrs. Ruth MacNaughton and Mrs. Lillian MacPherson wish to thank the many people who helped to make the Coffee Party, April 13th, a success. A special thanks to our charming, Life Member, Mrs. Nordal who poured tea, and congratulations to Mr. Ingaldson who held the lucky ticket on a beautiful piece of pottery handcrafted by Mr. Walter Arason.

Dr. and Mrs. Jon Jonason have returned to their home in Edmonton after spending the winter months in Arizona, California and other points south.

Mr. Gunnar Thorvaldson flew to Los Altos, California to attend the funeral of his uncle, Rutur Thor, who died after a brief illness on March 22. Mr. Thor is survived by his wife, Solveig (Goodmanson) and four daughters — Ruth, Vicki, Chris and Laurie.

Mr. F. Fishburne has returned from a holiday in Vancouver and Victoria. He was the guest of his son, Cyril, and daughter-in-law, Marjory. While there he visited his brother in Victoria and generally enjoyed the lovely warm weather and spring flowers at the coast. He plans a charter flight to England in June as he has not been back to visit his homeland since he left there as a boy at the age of 9 years.

Correction of April news item: Mrs. Leo Gudmundson, now residing in Mission, B.C., spent a few days in Alberta visiting with members of her family. While in Edmonton she stayed with Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Knoll. She also visited with Mr. and Mrs. Clive Gudmundson, New Serepta, and Mr. and Mrs. Lorne Gudmundson, Dodds.

Mr. Steve Kaplun of Athabasca has won the District and Provincial Trophy with the largest set of mule deer antlers, measuring 173½". He will be receiving the trophies at the Sportsmen Night in Edmonton. Congratulations, Steve.

News From The Danish Church

MOTHER'S DAY

After the service on Mother's Day, Sunday 11th of May, Ansgar Young People's Group invites the congregation, and especially all mothers, to a lunch and entertainment in the church basement. Plan to be there mothers, and bring your teenagers so they can meet our young people's group.

CONFIRMATION

On the last Sunday in May and on the first Sunday in June there will be confirmation in the Danish Church. The following will be confirmed: Per Norman Christensen, Henrik Ahlefeldt-Laurvig, Gary Gleerup, Alice Holm-Pedersen, Anna Christensen, Kenneth Hansen, Philip Hansen, Lilli Nielsen, Lena Larsen, Hanne Larsen, Joan Boytang, Svend Gron, Anne-Lise Fisker, Elly Jensen, and Jorgen (John) Jakobsen.

BAZAAR, MAY THE 2nd, 8 P.M.

The spring bazaar sponsored by the Ladies' Aid will be on this day. Tickets are available from members of the Ladies' Aid and the pastor. Gifts to the bazaar are welcome. You can give them to Mrs. Steffensen or Pastor Filtenborg.

NEW CARPET IN THE CHURCH

We have got a new carpet or runner in the church, donated by the Ladies' Aid. It has been partly paid by the birthday dollars. It is very beautiful and we are very thankful to the ladies for this gift. A special thanks to Mrs. Steffensen for the work she did in getting the carpet.

In a kindergarten class, several flags were shown, "What flag is this?" asked the teacher.

"That is the flag of my country," answered a bright youngster. "And what is the name of your country?"

"Tis of thee," replied the bright one.

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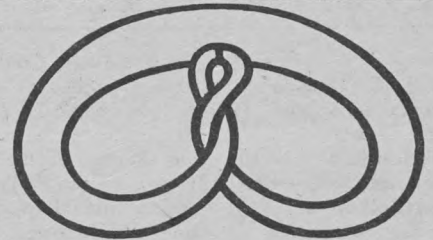
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SCANDIVIAN CENTRE SUBMISSION ON BILINGUALISM

Dear Editor:

Re: Official Language Bill

Some time ago I was interviewed by Mr. Armin Hecht of the Edmonton Journal regarding my opinions of the current Official Language bill now under discussion in the House of Commons. I have had many telephone calls and several letters complimenting me on the stand I took in this matter. I thought it might be interesting for the readers of the Scandinavian News to know that the Scandinavian Centre made a submission to the Royal Commission on Bilingualism and Biculturalism. I enclose this article. It was written by a former director, Mr. Gus Hansen, and approved by the Board of Directors of the Scandinavian Centre.

I also enclose an address by The Honorable J. T. Thorson on Bilingualism in the Ontario Courts, which gives the historical background of the current official language bill. I thought that both articles would be of vital interest to the readers of our paper.

I might add that The Honorable J. T. Thorson is an outstanding lawyer and is of Icelandic background. He was President of the Exchequer Court of Canada from 1942 to 1964. His opinions should not be regarded lightly.

I concur with the opinions in the two accompanying articles.

Yours very truly,

S. A. SORENSON.

The Scandinavian Centre Co-Operative Association is a vigorous Society composed of Canadians with a Scandinavian background, which is open to any good citizen who is interested in Scandinavia. The aim of the Society is to preserve the best in our old Scandinavian culture and introduce it into our multi-cultural country, and to assist immigrants from Scandinavia to become good Canadians. The language of the Society is English, and we consider a Canadian who does not speak English to be a second-class citizen — whether he comes from Scandinavia, Central Europe or French Canada.

At the time of Confederation, Canada's population was fairly evenly divided as far as language was concerned. French was the diplomatic language of the world and considered just as important as English as a second language in the best educated countries of the world. The last fifty years, however, have seen a great change in this situation, especially with the United States emerging as World Power Number One. English has gained tremendously at the expense of French. English has become universally used in commerce and science, so there is very little need for an English-speaking person to learn other languages. This places us in a very favoured position — as more and more stress must be laid on Scientific Research if our Western Civilization is to keep the lead it now enjoys. Some language study may be needed in connection with

Scientific Research, but German or Russian is now more important than is French. We therefore feel that language study — other than English — should be optional, and that the only place where bilingualism is needed is in French-speaking Canada.

In the early days of Canada, some French came west, mostly in the service of the British, European and American trading companies, but not many settled down. Most of those who did became absorbed by the native population. English-speaking Canadians, however, had the vision and initiative to colonize the rest of Canada. They were able to induce foreign capital to invest in Canada, and immigrants from many countries rallied behind them. Today three-fourths of Canada is English-speaking and multi-cultural. French Canada received practically no immigrants, as they did not invite them and had very little to offer them — their standard of living, education, etc., being lower than that of most of the newcomers.

It was not until the beginning of this Century that a fair number of French Canadians moved westward. French Canada had become so overcrowded that the Church realized that something had to be done. Therefore, it organized, financed and led a considerable number of colonists to the prairie provinces, where they endeavoured to establish solid French Canadian settlements centered around the imposing Church that was always built on arrival in the new district. They have

failed, however, to keep English-speaking Canadians out, and the younger generations are mixing freely with settlers surrounding them, and in many cases inter-marrying with them. The result is invariably English-speaking Canadians, so in most of these settlements English overshadows French today, and French is doomed to disappear in a few more generations. The following letter from the Edmonton Journal is self-explanatory; it speaks for the great majority of French Canadians in four-fifths of Canada:

"Sir:

Like Louis St. Laurent, Lionel Chevrier, and others, I am a Canadian of French descent, not a French-Canadian. I abhor being tarred with the same brush as the Quebec Frenchmen. In Alberta, where we have some fine communities of people of French descent, we know of no discrimination, and can have the same opportunities as anyone else. None of us could be forced to go to live in Quebec, where they live as their ancestors remembered France 300 years ago.

Their average education is grade five, for which they can blame only themselves. The clergy in the parochial schools have a great deal of responsibility for the French non-integration, as they have always taught that if you lose the mother tongue you lose your religion: they should check in France itself and see where the blame can be placed.

Only the French fanatics, politicians and so-called educators are

falling over themselves and encouraging Quebec extremism.

Why didn't the Quebec French help France in the last two world wars? The rest of us Canadians did. Why weren't thousands punished for refusing to answer the army call-up during World War II? They were deliberately breaking the law."

Scandinavian immigrants have played a leading role in the development of Canada. As a class they came well educated and with a good training in many trades and professions. Many were able to speak English, and the rest learned quickly. Coming from advanced, democratic countries and being willing to work and learn, they quickly became highly respected Canadian citizens. Agriculture, lumbering, mining, construction and fishing are the main fields in which Scandinavians have been prominent.

You have possibly noticed that five Alberta Cabinet Ministers have Scandinavian names. This indicates the standing of Canadians of Scandinavian descent in our multi-cultural country.

We stand for a strong, democratic English-speaking Canada, and we feel confident that it will come in time. It is impossible for a small group to alter the natural trend of progress.

Respectfully submitted,

H. A. Hansen,
on behalf of the
Scandinavian Centre
Co-Operative
Association Limited.

ADDRESS

By Hon. J. T. Thorson
On Bilingualism in the
Ontario Courts —
Is it Justified?

To Comparative Law Sub-section of
Ontario Section of
Canadian Bar Association
WINDSOR, Ontario — February
8, 1969.

I welcome the opportunity of taking part in this discussion of the subject of Bilingualism in the Courts of Ontario and thank the members of the Ontario Section of the Canadian Bar Association for the invitation extended to me.

It has been suggested that I should express my opinion on three specific questions, namely,

1. (a) Can a litigant in either a civil or criminal case in the Ontario Courts have the proceedings conducted in the French language?

(b) What is the nature of the new legislation (if any) required to permit a litigant to do so:

(I) in civil matters

(II) in criminal matters?

2. What justification is there for introducing bilingualism in the Ontario Courts?

3. Assuming the valid enactment of the Official Languages Act by Parliament should not the privileges accorded the accused in a criminal case by section 11 (3) be extended to a party in a civil case?"

It is essential of the question whether there is any justification for introducing bilingualism in the Ontario Courts that the situation in the Province of Canada which led to its federation with the Provinces of Nova Scotia and New Brunswick in 1867 should be fully understood and that the role of section 133 of the British North America Act in the scheme of Confederation should be clearly realized.

Section 133 defined in precise terms the exact legal status of the French and English languages in the new political union, the Dominion of Canada, that was established by the British North America Act in 1867. That definition remains in full force and effect in the Canada of today as an essential element of

the Canadian Constitution. It provides as follows:

"133. Either the English or the French language may be used by any Person in the Debates of the Houses of the Parliament of Canada and of the Houses of the Legislature of Quebec; and both those languages shall be used in the respective Records and Journals of those Houses; and either of those languages may be used by any Person or in any Pleading or Process in or issuing from any Court of Canada established under this Act, and in and from all or any of the Court of Quebec.

The Acts of the Parliament of Canada and of the Legislature of Quebec shall be printed and published in both those languages."

Thus it is only in the debates in the Parliament of Canada and the Legislature of Quebec and in the federal Courts, for example, the Supreme Court of Canada and the exchequer Court of Canada and in the Courts of Quebec, that the French and English languages stand on the footing of equality of status with one another. Either language is permissible in the specified areas and neither language is compulsory. And it is only in the cases specified, namely, in the case of the records and journals of the Parliament of Canada and the Legislature of Quebec and in the case of the printing and publishing of the Acts of the Parliament of Canada and the Legislature of Quebec that both French and English must be used.

There is nothing in section 133 of the British North America Act or in any other section of it or in any law that makes French an official language throughout Canada or gives it the status of equality with English throughout Canada.

Two legal consequences follow from the precise terms of the section. One is that except as specified in the section, French is not an official language of Canada anywhere in Canada. The other is that, except as specified in the section, the French language does not have any special status anywhere in Canada. As a matter of law, except for the

equality of status with English specified in the section, the French language does not have any greater status anywhere in Canada than that of any of the languages spoken in Canada by persons of origins other than English or French, such as, for example, German or Ukrainian.

Moreover, the Judicature Act of Ontario, R.S.O., 1960, Chapter 197, prescribes that the language of the Ontario Courts shall be in English only. Its terms are as follows:

"124. Writs, pleadings and proceedings in all courts shall be in the English language only, but the proper or known names of writs or other process, or technical words, may be in the same language as has been commonly used. R.S.O., 1950, c. 190, s. 122."

Reference should also be made to the decision of the Supreme Court of New Brunswick in *IN re application by Jacques Belisle and Jacques Moreau*, dated June 4, 1968, that the law in force in New Brunswick requires that criminal proceedings in all provincial courts be conducted in English. I express the opinion that the principle of this decision is also applicable in the case of criminal proceeding in Ontario.

Under the existing law a litigant does not have any legal right in either a civil or a criminal case in the Ontario Courts to have the proceedings conducted in the French language. It follows, accordingly, that there is no legal justification for introducing bilingualism in the Ontario Courts.

Nor is there any historical or constitutional justification for such introduction. On the contrary, the historical and constitutional facts are overwhelmingly against it.

The question of linguistic rights been a difficult and vexations one ever since the end of the French regime in 1759 and recent events in Quebec and elsewhere, particularly in the Prairie Provinces, demonstrate that it is still a matter of acute concern.

It is not possible, in the short space of these remarks to review

the legislation bearing on the subject prior to 1867, such as the Royal Proclamation of 1763, the Quebec Act of 1774, the Constitutional Act of 1791 and the Act of Union of 1840. But it is important for a proper understanding of the question under consideration to outline the situation that existed in the Province of Canada that had been created by the Act of Union of 1840. This will assist in appreciation of the need for the Confederation that was accomplished in 1867 by the British North America Act and an understanding of the purpose of the inclusion of section 133 in it.

It is an undisputed fact of history that the Act of Union of 1840 to establish a dual English-French Colony ended in a dismal failure. There was, of course, no attempt at the time to establish a dual English-French Canadian nationality, such as that which is now being attempted, for the province was a British Colony and the idea of a separate Canadian nationality had not yet been conceived.

Soon after the Quebec Act of 1774 the United Empire Loyalists began to flock into Upper Canada. Their arrival made the Quebec Act unsatisfactory. The new character of the country demanded a new constitution. One assembly for the whole Colony became impossible. There was too great a difference between the older society on the lower St. Lawrence and the new settlements west of the Ottawa River. The latter desired a separate government of their own. The result was that by the Constitutional Act of 1791, the Province of Quebec, as it had been established under the Quebec Act of 1774, was divided into Lower Canada and Upper Canada, each with a government based on the traditional English colonial pattern.

The new arrangement was not a success. In Lower Canada the French and English elements were pitted against each other, each struggling for self preservation.

There was little wonder that Lord Elgin described the situation in Lower Canada as that of "two nations warring in the bosom of a single state". In Upper Canada there were financial difficulties that threatened it with bankruptcy. Moreover, there were uprisings in 1837 against the systems of government in each province, led by Louis Papineau in Lower Canada and William Lyon Mackenzie in Upper Canada. The uprisings had a good result in that Lord Durham in his Report advocated the federation of the British Colonies in North America but the Maritime provinces were not yet ready for union with Canada. It was decided that the only thing to do was to unite the two Canadas. This was done by the Imperial Parliament by the Union Act of 1840.

It was hoped that the Union would rescue Upper Canada from bankruptcy and also prevent the increasing dominance of the French in Lower Canada. There was to be one assembly with an English speaking majority.

The Act of Union was unjust to the French in several respects. Upper Canada had piled up a large deficit which Lower Canada had to share. English was to be the only official language of Canada, depriving the French of the equality of status of French with English which they had enjoyed in Lower Canada. Upper Canada was given the same number of seats in the new legislature as those given to Lower Canada, thus preventing the French from having more than a helpless minority in the new assembly.

To Be Continued Next Month



DANIA DOINGS



May 10th will be our May Dance and hope we will see you all out then. On May 24th we will have another Membership Night, this time we ask you to bring a parcel for your entrance of a value not less than \$1.50, then the parcels will be auctioned off during the evening. It should be a lot of fun, so please, let's see you then in the DANIA Room.

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We had our last Whistdrive of the season on Tuesday, April 15th. The trophies went to Mrs. Gunhild Frandsen and Mr. Poul Rasmussen for the high score during the season. Congratulations to both. The last evening turned out to be a kind of extra celebration, as the Meadowlark Bakery gave two big layer cakes with all kind of goodies, and decorated with cards and lots and lots of whipped cream; good for your waistline, h-m-m, it was so good! We sincerely hope that we will get more people to come out for these social evenings when we call next season. We really have a very nice time. So think it over, maybe you would like to let us know which evening would suit you best in the week and maybe we could go by the majority to pick out the right evening for everybody.

* * *

It is a year since the Danish Gymnastic Club folded-up and the Society is in charge of the apparatus - what do we do with it? Has anybody thought about starting a club again? We should know now. So write the secretary at 12424 - 141 Str. Zone 41 and give your opinion and suggestions about this.

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.

MOTHER'S HANDS

They're little, wrinkled, rough
and old
They're never held their weight
in gold
They've spread the jam on
sonny's bread
And tucked each youngster
into bed
They've scrubbed the floors,
the mending done
They've known much toil and
little fun
They've starched small dresses
pink and white
And cooked and baked from
morn till night
They've clasped in thoughtful
honest prayer
They tell a story sweet and rare
But over seas, and over lands
No hands are quite like
Mothers Hands.

PLAYS IN 200 YEAR OLD THEATRE

According to the Public Relations Department of Scandinavian Airlines, the world's oldest court theatre still in use is located just outside Stockholm. It is the Drottningholm Court Theatre, built in 1766 as part of the Royal Summer Palace - Sweden's Versailles.

Here the visitor can see plays performed in the original 18th century settings. Even the orchestra members and ushers wear original costumes and powdered wigs. One of the few modernities was dictated by fire laws: The candles in the chandeliers have been replaced by electric bulbs.

The trip out to the theatre can also be a memorable experience by taking one of the special steamboats that leave from the City Hall pier before each performance. The ship winds its way around the many enchanted islands of the Lake Malaren archipelago. For the less adventurous there are also buses from the center of Stockholm (only 20 minutes).

The 1969 season starts on May 22 and ends in September. A total of 50 performances will be given, four of which will be premieres.

Book Review

YOUTH AND SPRING

Oh the world in spring is lovely
Green grass and growing things,
Blue sky, cloud-flecked, above me
And within a soul that sings.
Like silver tinkling fountains
Clear-eyed and fancy free
With the faith that moveth
mountains

Youth gains its victory.

This poem was taken from a recently published book of poems 'Poems for Pleasure' by Mrs. Asta Oddson of Winnipeg. Mrs. Oddson also includes some poems of her late brother, Dr. Kris Austmann. Born in Manitoba of Icelandic parents, Mrs. Oddson spent a great deal of her life as a school teacher besides raising six children. Before her retirement she was a social worker for the Department of Indian Affairs.

We salute this ingenious lady for sharing with us her innermost thoughts, dreams and hopes. Copies of her 24 page book may be purchased from her son - Leif Oddson, 6412 - 84 St., Edmonton 82, Alta., or phone 466-6838.



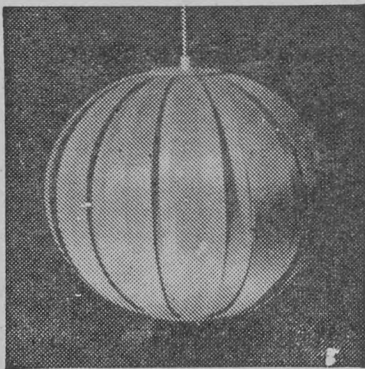
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I wish to express my sincere thanks and appreciation to our many friends in Edmonton for their sympathy and floral offerings in the recent passing away of my beloved husband, Jack.

Mrs. Hulda Macky,
Cloverdale, B.C.

Tom Brian Salminen, 7 lbs. 15 oz. was born on March 22, 1969 at 12:05 a.m. to Mr. and Mrs. Eilo Salminen. Tom is a new little brother for Timo. Our congratulations.

Mr. and Mrs. Onni Virtanen and Mr. Mikko Lindfors visited with Mr. and Mrs. Mah of Edson over the Easter weekend. Mrs. Mah is the sister of Mr. Lindfors.

My sincere thanks to the Finnish Society for the flowers and all my friends who visited during my recent stay in hospital.

Mrs. J. Luoma.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Koivuneva of Calgary and Mr. and Mrs. E. Plamondon of Quesnel, B.C. and their families were Easter guests at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Tikkanen of Rich Lake. Mr. Leslie Rama also visited.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Rama and family of Calgary and Mr. and Mrs. J.

Koivuneva and family also of Calgary visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. Rama on the Easter weekend.

I wish to thank the Finnish Society and friends for flowers and visits during my stay in hospital. Thank-you very much.

Giesela Salo.

The annual fishing derby was a great success. The weather was lovely and enthusiastic participants turned out to try their luck. Here are the results: Men's: First, Jaakko Rastas. Second, Vaino Rastas. Third, Pekka Utunen.

Ladies: First, Sirkka Ristola. Second, Anja Leino and Anja Sahuri.

Children's: Tim Sahuri was the winner.

Congratulations to the winners and to those who didn't quite make it, best of luck next year. A special thanks goes to Mr. and Mrs. I. Salomaa who served coffee and kept a warming fire going in their cottage.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Karvonen and Liisa spent Easter weekend in Grande Prairie with Mr. and Mrs. Alex Karvonen and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Veikko Leino and Riisa flew to Vancouver Island for

Easter vacation. There they visited with Mr. and Mrs. Lasse Majamaa and Mr. Nick Suvanto.

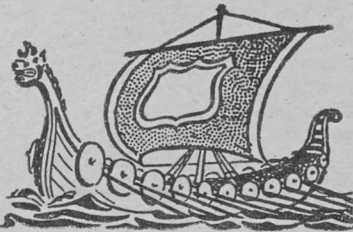
Mrs. Lauri Vesalainen and Miss Ulla Vesalainen spent the Easter holidays in Vancouver visiting relatives.

Thank-you to all my friends who came to see baby and I while we were in hospital, and a very special thank-you to the Finnish Society for the lovely flowers.

Leena Salminen.

There will be a general meeting on May 12 at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. P. Utunen. Everyone welcome to attend.

Come one, come all to our Vappu dance on May 10. It begins at 7:30 and a pot luck supper will be served. It promises to be an entertaining evening. Tickets available from all members of the executive.



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Coming Events in Norway 1969

JUNE - JULY

For people who are making the flight to Norway in June 1969 the following are some interesting events taking place in Norway in June and July.

JUNE 1969

June - July MIDNIGHT SUN EXCURSIONS from Oslo to Bodo and back, a flight of 10 hours by SAS to the Land of the Midnight Sun. You lose a night's sleep, but gain the thrill of a lifetime!

June - Aug. Hobby Railroad Excursions every Sunday by old-fashioned narrow-gauge railroad between Grovane and Beiholen near Kristiansand and between Sorumsand and Fossum near Islo.

June 1 - 4 - Association Amicale International des Capitaines au Long Cours Cap-Horniers Congress in Oslo. 350 delegates from 10 countries.

June 2 - 7 - International Congress for Consulting Engineers (FIDIC) in Oslo. Delegates from 20 countries.

June - "Blossom Ski Race" near Seljestad; annual international slalom competition on the Roldal glacier. Competitors usually wear swim suits.

June - Kongsberg Fair with open-air dancing, sports competitions and variety shows.

June - Ringerike Fair at Honefoss.

June 7 - Norway's Flag Day, also anniversary of the King's return to Norway from wartime exile.

June 8-11 - Australian Tonnage Committee and aFr Eastern Freight Conference in Oslo.

June 15 - Grieg's Birthday; special celebrations at Lofthus on the Hardanger fjord; where Grieg's composer cabin still stands. Concert and folk dancing at Ullensvang Hotel.

June 15 - 21 - FOURTH HARSTAD FESTIVAL - Major cultural event in North Norway; international and local contributors, historical play enacted at open-air theatre near ancient Trondenes church, folklore program and exhibitions.

June - Ocean Racing, the Skagerak Cup; 140 nautical miles from Hanko to Jomfruland off Kragero, then to Persgrunden off Bohuslan and back, annual race since 1958, approx. 25 yachts.

June - Ocean Racing, the Faerder Race from Oslo to Faerder lighthouse and back.

June - "Molde Days" in the City of Roses. Molde was destroyed during the war, but has regained its reputation as the City of Roses. Annual election of the Rose Princess.

June - St. Olav Days in Trondheim; program centered around the Nidaros Cathedral, Scandinavian church music and Norwegian church choirs.

June - Canoe Rally on lake Hallevann near Larvik.

June - Kristiansund Festival; children's day, fishing competitions, boat trips, beauty contest.

June 22 - "Troll Path Ski Race" on glacier near Andalsnes; downhill and giant slalom.

June 22 - 28 - International Federation of Agricultural Journalists Congress in Oslo for 250 delegates.

June 23 - MID-SUMMER NIGHT, celebrated all over the country with bonfires, fireworks and open-air dancing. Special attractions in Oslo and Lillehammer. Colorful peasant weddings at Voss.

June 23 - MIDNIGHT CUP GOLF TOURNAMENT in Oslo and Trondheim. First-timers in Trondheim are awarded at Mid-night Golf Certificate.

June 23 - Automobile race on the Peer Gynt Road near Vinstra.

June 23 - July 5 - European Bridge Championship in Oslo; 300 delegates from 20 countries.

June 26 - July 1 General meeting in Oslo of European Broadcasting Union - 140 delegates.

June - "Stor Martnan" in Trondheim; annual fair with large-scale sales exhibition in the Nidaros Hall.

June - The South Coast Automobile Rally, annual international motor race starting from Kristiansand.

June - Mountain Festival in villages in the Osterdal valleys. Folklore program, election of the annual Mountain Queen.

June - "Flottardag" at Fagernes; rural festival with procession through streets, culminating in grand gathering at Valdres Folk Museum.

June - Yachting regatta on the Oslo fjord, starting from Larvik.

June - International Jazz Festival in Kongsberg; concerts and dancing, highlighted by jam session inside disused silver mine, reached by electric Lilliput train.

June 28 - Aug. 8 - Eleventh International Summer School at Oslo University, mainly American students.

June 29 - The Strynsfjell Ski Race near Videseter; annual international giant slalom competition on glacier extending from the Jostedal icefield, largest icefield in Europe. Usually combined with water skiing on the Nord fjord.

JULY 1969

July - Small Boat Festival in Molde, City of Roses. Procession of small boats, water skiing, bonfire and festivities at Hjertoy island.

July - Boat rally at Stavem on the Oslo fjord; procession of boats, bonfires and open-air gathering at Stavem island.

July - Kragero Fair; annual sales exhibition.

July 4 - U.S. INDEPENDENCE DAY; mass meeting and banquet in Sandefjord on the Oslo fjord, memorial ceremony in Oslo's Frogner park.

July 6-7 - FJORD SKI FESTIVAL at Geiranger. Glacier skiing at Djupvass, elevation 3,500 ft. above the Geiranger fjord, followed by water skiing competitions on the fjord, only 10 miles away from the glacier.

July - YACHTING WEEK at Horten on the Oslo fjord; climax of the season, when up to 600 yachts, crewed and helmed by experts from a score of different nations, pit their skill against one another on the waters of the Oslo fjord. King Olav and Crown Prince Harald are active competitors on their own yachts.

July - Ocean Racing, the Skaw Race, annual since 1953, organized alternately by the yachting clubs of Oslo, Gothenburg and Copenhagen; 300 nautical miles from Hanko to Skagen lightship and back, approx. 50 yachts.

July - "John Hilme Meet" at Fagernes; folk dancing and folk music at Valdres folk museum, commemorating Jom Hilme, the master fiddler.

July 9-13 - "Gol Days" at Gol in Hallingdal; folklore, sports competitions, entertainments.

July - FOURTH INTERNATIONAL SEA FISHING FESTIVAL in Harstad. The winner becomes Knight of the Illustrious Order of Neptune. Last year, the largest fish scaled 27 pounds.

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A big "Thank You" goes to Buford Lodge for hosting a wonderful day for curlers on March 22, winding up a lot of fun for another season. Four teams from our lodge took part in this event with Falun bringing home the booby prize. It was a real good try: Henry, Harry, Bryce and Dawn!

Congratulations to the three top rinks: Buford, Edmonton, and Buford.

Owing to severe cold weather, our annual post-Christmas Program was postponed twice and finally cancelled. However, a planned Easter Program did materialize on March 29 at Lone Ridge Hall. This is something the children look forward to so very much and their contributions to the program is certainly appreciated.

Four members of our lodge, over the age of seventy years, have been the recipients of Honorary Certificates. They were presented to Sister Amy Olson and Sister Elvira Anderson at the Easter Party. Sister Kristina Olson, who lives in B.C., was to receive her certificate personally during Easter week and the fourth one went out to Brother Carl Hanson. Chairman John Holmlund also presented a 25-year Pin to Sister Ruth Jensen.

Our meeting for April was held at the home of Brother Peter Nelson. Delegates and Alternates were elected to attend the District Convention in Edmonton in June. Bowling plans were finalized; three teams having been entered beforehand. All concerned are looking forward to a great time in Calgary. Following the meeting, Brother Kaasa gave a very interesting and informative talk on Taxidermy. Next regular meeting will be held at the home of Brohter Buster Sjolund on June 7 with a Frankfurter Cook-out to follow.

To all members who have been hospitalized or in some way suffering distress, we wish a speedy recovery.

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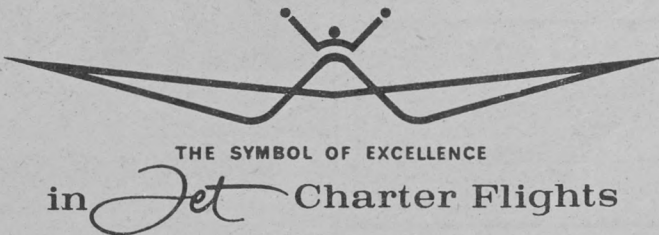
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